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The Political Situation.

The political sky is rapidly clearing.

The electoral bill passed both

houses by large majorities. The

counting is now going on quietly

with the tripartite commission fully

organized. This commission is com-

posed of the following gentlemen:

with the council as below stated:

The inaugural meeting of the

Grand Commission was held Wed-

nesday morning. The Tribunal

is composed as follows:

Judges of the Supreme Court—Clif-

ford, Strong, Miller, Field and Brad-

ley.

Senators—Edmonds, Morton, Fre-

lington, Thurman and Bay-

ard.

Representatives—Payne, Hunter,

Abbott, Garfield, Hoar.

The Republican National Exec-

utive Committee have engaged the

services of Wm. M. McKim, of New

York, and Stanley Matthews of Ohio

as counsel to represent the Hayes

side of the case, while the National

Democratic Executive Committee

have selected Judge Black of Penn-

sylvania, R. T. Merrick of Illinois,

Matt. Carpenter of Wisconsin,

Judge Trimball of Illinois, to re-

present the claims of Tilden and Hen-

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Before this commission all dispu-

tes must be argued, and the deci-

sion of this body is final.

There is, therefore, to be no war

as both of the great political parties

of the country are fully committed

to this plan of settling our presen-

t trouble. We naturally hope to

see Tilden President, and we think

his chances good, but if Hayes should

be elected, we should not be disap-

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

We have, of course, received some

queries by this time; some of which

we answer this week. Some are

not of sufficient importance to an-

swer, and some are too hard for us.

Though an editor, there are several

things we don't know. Indeed, I

think we don't know were written

suppose it would make quite a

long book. If the brethren will to

ask questions let them feel free to do

so, and we will be free to answer

if we can, and if we cannot, we will

say so probably.

"What would you do with a member

of the church who has not paid any

thing to support the church in three

years?" I would, if decision of that

church, ask him to pay a little.

"What do you think of a man who

insists on a preacher riding twenty

miles to marry him, and then fails to

give him a cent?"

Answer:—We think as little as

possible about such doubtful charac-

ters.

"Well, Bro. Gamrell, as you have be-

come an Editor, you will not, of

course, object to questions. But a

short time ago a gentleman called up

me to marry him. He then had a

living wife, from whom he was sepa-

rated, on the grounds of disagree-

ment. (It is interesting to see, I am

not aware of it.) I did not marry

him. Am I right, or am I wrong?"

Answer:—Right, very right.

"The Last Time."

There is a touch of pathos about

long even the simplest thing "for

the last time." It is not alone a

strange pain. You feel it when you

have looked your last time upon

some scene you have loved—when

you stand in some quiet city street

where you know that you will never

stand again. The actor playing his

part for the last time; the singer

whose voice is cracked hopelessly

and who after this once will never

stand before the sea of upturned

faces disputing the phantoms with

fresh voices and fiercer forms; the

minister who has preached his last

sermon—these all know the bitter-

ness of the two words "never again."

We put away our boyish toys with

an old headache. We were too old

to walk any longer in our stiffs—too

old to play marbles on the sidewalk.

Yet there was a pang when we

thought we had played with our mer-

ry things for the last time, and life's

serious, grown-up work was waiting

for us. Now we do not want the

last toys back. Life has larger and

other playthings for us. May it not

be that these too shall seem, in the

light of some far off day, as the boy-

ish game seems to our unclouded, and

we shall learn that death is but the

gate into the land of promise?—Bishop

Postor.

"HINTS TO YOUNG CHRISTIANS."

Don't be afraid to "show your colors."

A cowardly Christian is a misnomer.

Shirk no declaration, from no duty

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